

ANNUAL REPORT 2023

From the Chairman of the Parish Council, Councillor J.A.Downes.

Following on from my 2021/22 report, I can now confirm that the 30mph speed limit is operational on Leverington Common.

With the new development of 221 dwellings on Sutton Road we have this year applied for the speed limit on A1101 from Harecroft Road to Bailey and West on Sutton Road, to be lowered to 30mph this year. It has gone out to consultation and should be in force later this year.

2022 saw the Platinum Jubilee of our late Queen Elizabeth II.

The Council decided that it would mark the occasion by erecting a new Village Sign to replace the existing one which was 45 years old. The old sign if it could be renovated would be placed in The Foal Ground.

It was also decided to place a bench in the Parish Cemetery Rose Garden.

This became a memorial bench following Her Majesty's passing.

Thank you to all of the Village Residents who contributed to the cost. Both sites were visited by Steve Barclay our Member of Parliament, who congratulated The Council on what he said was a magnificent tribute.

This year we were able to obtain a grant from Mick George Foundation and Section 106 money from Fenland District Council. This enabled us to replace The Multi-Play and Pirate Ship and add a Roundabout in Church Road Playground.

The Foal Ground got a Zip wire and Toddler Swing.

This time of year, sees your New Council Tax Bills. You will all have noticed that the Parish Precept has been increased this year for the first time in three years. This is mainly due to the uncertainty surrounding power bills for our street lights. We are presently coming to the end of a three-year fixed price contract with our provider this June. The increase works out at approximately 5pence per week for a Band B Property. An increase which seems an entirely reasonable price to pay to keep the Village lit. Our costs over the past three years have worked out at an average 67 pence per week per light (All are now LED).

This year sees District and Parish Council Elections, please remember in order to vote at polling stations you will need Photographic ID.

At the time of writing this report I understand that Brian Beales has decided not to offer himself for re-election. Brian has been a Leverington Parish Councillor for 15 years and prior to this spent 10 years with a Parish Council in North Norfolk.

I have served with Brian for nearly 10 years and personally thank him for his support and knowledge he has imparted to me.

I wish Brian, Sylvia (and the dogs) all best wishes for the future.

My thanks also go out to my Fellow Councillors and the Parish Clerk for their help and support over the past year.

J.A.D.